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BEATEN IN THE CITY

A Convincing Expression Given Against Mayor E. Brown, the Candidate of the Thugs and Gamblers.

CLEVELAND'S GREAT VOTE.

Carried by Harrison Four Years Ago, Kansas City Now Goes Overwhelmingly for the Ex-President.

The Democratic Ticket, County, Senatorial and Representative, Elected With the Possible Exception of Brown.

DENIED THE RIGHT TO VOTE

Thousands of Loyal Voters Disfranchised by Recorder Owsley and His Deputies—An Effort for Redress.

Yesterday's election in Kansas City was intensely interesting and its results are well worth studying.

Aside from the natural and customary contest between political parties the question of gang rule was on trial and the city acquitted itself with glory. It stood—as the next election—against the most oppressive and high-handed gang that has ever attempted to rule this city and county. The magnificent majority given Grover Cleveland, the strong load maintained by Congressman Dockery, and the ample support given the Democratic ticket, in general, make more conspicuous the significant fact that the voting booths and run things to suit their own sweet wills. Never before in the history of local politics has there been such organization and such desperate work on the part of the disreputable element of the Democratic party to carry a county ticket. There was nothing that certain men were not ready to associate to carry out their ends. Men who have made no bones at saying that if Marcy K. Brown was defeated half of their friends—probably with the mental reservation that they themselves were the last friends—would be in the penitentiary, were ready for anything necessary to secure his election. The traveling thieves and crooks have a sort of fraternity among themselves. Certain men in Kansas City have the personal acquaintance of nearly every thief and crook in the western Chicago and the Pacific coast. When these traveling sharks need money for a "lick" guess the Kansas City gamblers furnish the money and share the profits. All the traveling crooks who were near enough to Kansas City to be reached were gotten to Kansas City yesterday and spent the day working for Marcy K. Brown and the whole Democratic ticket. Brown was the man they wanted to elect, but in order to avoid the possibility of any mistakes all were ordered to vote the ticket "from top to bottom." All the hangers on of the policy shops and all men whom the gamblers controlled were ordered to scratch ostensibly on the Democratic ticket for fear that they would make some mistake and lose their vote. Every rough, tough, bully, gambler and crook in Kansas City was made to understand that if Marcy K. Brown was not elected he would get into trouble, and that if Marcy K. Brown was elected and he did not work for him then he would surely get into trouble. Every saloon keeper was told that if Brown was not elected he would have trouble with the police, and that unless he supported Brown and in a substantially the whole Democratic ticket he would find himself in a basket of hot water after Brown was elected. In case they failed to have everything was to be all right.

FINDLAY SPEAKS FOR MARCY K.

"I understand," said Ed Findlay, the lord of the police system, yesterday afternoon, that certain people have said that if Brown was elected everything would be forced to close. Well, they don't go. Brown is a man of too much backbone for that. Without the slightest intimidation he will enforce the law in anything, and any man I shall locate into closing up anything. See?"

This crowd of Brown's friends did not depend solely upon the "ticket" vote and the work of the police to secure his election. Every man who was known to be working yesterday to carry things whether votes were cast or not. In certain precincts the "gang" reigned supreme within the election booth, as the Shannon precinct of the Ninth ward, where the warrant master, with a large gun in his hand, stood over the judges. In this precinct was not allowed to open his mouth. The returns from this precinct are remarkable. Yesterday's results show the Shannon precinct to be the banner precinct of the city. The total vote cast was 1,000, and the entire crowd of gluggers, but it found that they have more about a ballot box than most people, and now the Shannons are all right. The Ninth ward has always been considered a Democratic stronghold, and the total vote cast in that ward yesterday gave Brown 2,276 votes and Griffin 262. In the other precincts where the "gang" had absolute control of the ballot boxes the difference in the vote was equally great. It might have been greater but Brown knows just how many votes are needed.

There were some very "dry boys" inside the booths yesterday.

"What is the man doing in there?" was asked of a policeman in front of a booth.

"Oh, he's one of the election managers. Do you know him?" And the officer of the law shrugged his shoulders and burst out laughing. The man was a stray spot, a man from text, a man without any occupation.

"SCAB PAPER CHARGES" AS A FIZZLE.

As THE STAR mentioned yesterday, a certain Johnson, alias "Star Faced Charley," a tramp who crooks who travels all over the West and who was arrested not long ago for working a brass game on a train near Olathe, Kas., a man who generally has several men wanting with him, was in Kansas City with his crowd, active at work at this polls.

While at one of the charges were in progress yesterday afternoon a man who had known voters, among them many of the best men in Kansas City, were disfranchised. Not one of the men who had a perfect right to vote in Kansas City and who had complied with every provision of the law, but who were not allowed to vote, would fill counsel. In every case where a man's vote was challenged he presented himself to the judges and called upon them to record his vote. Nearly all of the men who were disfranchised were Democrats. Within the office the recorder and his men were overwhelmed with the complaints of voters and in some cases almost came personal violence. As the day wore on the crowd increased, and most of those who found that for some reason safely locked in Mr. Owsley's breast that they were not to be allowed to vote, when they saw the crowd and the police force about the office, they made a rush to Mayor Ellyson, the recorder's office in disgust and made no effort to obtain their rights. Others were not so easily put off. They took their places in the line and waited patiently. At first the crowd was kept moved. Men with white hearts who had voted once and who had come around in line to vote a second time were still retained their good nature, while the men in line saw that they were going to lose their votes, despite anything they could do, the temper of the crowd changed. A number of fights started, and the air was thick with threatenings that gave indication that the assembly might change from a crowd to a mob. Mr. Owsley did the shortest thing. He slipped out of his office. The building was filled with policemen. The court of police commissioners, where the chief of police sits, was filled with police, all prepared to lay hands on men who were talking loudly, but was warned to let him alone and he didn't.

The latter sense of the crowd, however, prevailed. A number of toughest known men in the crowd, men who were ready for anything, yesterday with one crowd, united down the excited men. They argued that many Democrats, as well as Republicans, had been disfranchised, and that because the recorder had made a mistake was no reason why he should be roughly dealt with. Among the disfranchised ones there were un-

PENSIONMAN JOHN C. TARVER.

doubtedly some Democrats. In one precinct, the Sixtieth, for instance, out of tens y men who found their names scratched off the registry books, twelve were Democrats. In one of the precincts in which were a large number of men whose names had been scratched off the ticket were in the best residence portions of the city. The precincts where trouble lived were not much in evidence. The men who were left off the list of those who were scratches off the ticket were business men and men who would exercise their judgment in voting for county officers no matter what their politics might be when they were not voting a straight ticket.

The chief of police was not sure that everything would be quiet last night, and he packed the hallway in front of the recorder's office full of policemen. To get into the office one had to pass a cordon of police. A strong police guard was stationed inside guard of police. There were twenty-five or thirty officers in and about the building. There was not, however, any crowd about the office or any signs of trouble.

AFFIDAVITS TO BE TAKEN.

The hundreds of legal voters who were yesterday disfranchised have now a chance for some sort of redress. Those who went to the polls and found that their names had been scratched off the registry books can go before Recorder Owsley and his deputies should call at 12 East Ninth street. There a notary public will be in waiting at any hour today, to-night and to-morrow, and later, to take the affidavits of those who were refused the right to vote. The following card, signed by three reputable "disfranchised" citizens of Kansas City, was issued this morning:

To the Public: For the purpose of securing affidavits of voters who were refused the right to vote at the election of 10 Tuesday, there will be kept open all hours for the next few days at the office of Recorder Owsley, 12 East Ninth street. Recorder Owsley and his deputies are requested to call and take affidavits, so that no one will be [illegible]

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